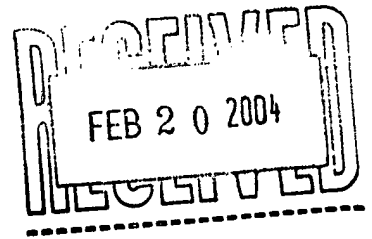


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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to the reduction of the dust generated by silicates, according to the method of the present invention the crushed silicate is surface-coated with a polyorganociloxane. The invention also related to a silicate with reduced dust generation and the use of a reduced dust silicate as reinforcing filler in plastic materials.